

1 **IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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3 Applicant Microsoft Corporation
4 Attorney's Docket No. MS1-721US
5 Title: Operating System User Interface for Staged Write Media

6 **DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

7 As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

8 My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to
9 my name.

10 I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed
11 below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the
12 subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention
13 entitled "Operating System User Interface for Staged Write Media," the specification
14 of which is attached hereto.

15 I have reviewed and understand the content of the above-identified
16 specification, including the claims.

17 I hereby claim benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of United States Provisional
18 Application 60/244,830, filed October 31, 2000.

19 I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the
20 examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal
21 Regulations, § 1.56(a).

22 PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATIONS: no applications for foreign patents or
23 inventor's certificates have been filed prior to the date of execution of this
24 declaration.
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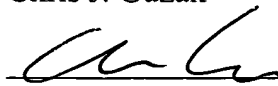
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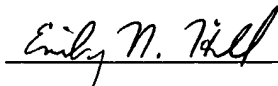
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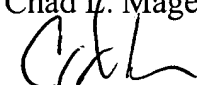
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